

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph that starts on page 14, line 31 and ends on page 15, line 21 as follows:

Next, block 406 illustrates incrementing the counter that was established for this processor. Thereafter, block 408 depicts determining whether the count for this processor is greater than a predetermined threshold. If a determination is made that the count for this processor is not greater than the predetermined threshold, the process passes to block 404. Referring again to block 408, if a determination is made that the count for this processor is [[not]] greater than the predetermined threshold, the process passes to block 410 which depicts transmitting a request to the service processor to deconfigure this processor. Next, block 412 illustrates reading the entries stored in NVRAM 298. Thereafter, block 414 depicts a determination of whether or not an entry exists within NVRAM 298 that indicates that this processor has been marked as bad. If a determination is made that no entry exists within NVRAM 298 that indicates that this processor has been marked as bad, the process processor passes to block 402 [[298]] which illustrates returning control to this processor's partition. In this manner, errors occurring in other partitions may be processed while this processor is being deconfigured. The process passes back to block 402.